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## AUSTRIANS ARE BEATEN BY RUSSIANS

### GERMANS ARE FORCED TO YIELD BELGIAN GROUND

Allies Advance Near Lombaerdtzyde and Progress on Heights of Meuse—Enemy Makes Small Gain Near Hollebeke Loses Near Lens

Paris, Dec. 28.—The French official statement to-day is as follows: "In Belgium we have continued to advance. To the west of Lombaerdtzyde we are at the foot of the sand dunes on which the enemy has established his line of resistance. At a point south of Ypres we have lost a section of the trenches near Hollebeke."

In the region of Lens near Carenay, the enemy yielded under our attacks 800 yards of its line trenches.

In the valley of the river Aisne and in Champagne there has been intermittent artillery fighting, which was particularly severe in the vicinity of Rheims and around Perthes. Here the enemy directed their artillery fire especially against the positions to the west of Perthes, conquered and occupied by us.

On the heights of the Meuse there has been slight progress by our troops along the entire front.

In the Vosges the enemy bombarded the railroad station at St. Die, but the railroad service has not been interrupted.

In Upper Alsace to the northeast of Steinbach, a counter-attack of the Germans was repulsed.

### BRITISH BRAVERY IS PRAISED BY GERMAN

Soldiers Are Experienced; Very Tough and Never Lacking in Courage

(By an Associated Press Correspondent)  
German Front in France, Dec. 21.—I have just spent three days with General von Herzen's army in the field. General von Herzen, like all the other German generals with whom I spoke, did not hesitate a second to praise his British opponents.

The British first line troops are splendid soldiers, experienced and very tough, especially on the defensive. There would be no credit in beating them if they were not, he said, making it clear that he referred only to the British regulars. The conversation turned on Kitchener's recruits, he said significantly: "You cannot improvise armies. Britain can not hope to accomplish in a few months what it took Germany 100 years to build up."

Coming back to the British regulars, he told the following anecdote: "At one point we used a minenwerfer (mine-thrower) against one of their trenches. These mortars go off with a terrific noise, calculated to shake the courage of the stoutest. After the tenth shot our men advanced with a loud hurrah, expecting to find the British groggy, but those tough Scotsmen crawled out of their trenches and actually attempted a counter bayonet charge. The French also fight bravely."

Now that artillery plays such an all-important role, the thing is not a wide firing field, but cover and protection against artillery fire, even if you can see to fire for only fifty yards. It is quite enough and an infantry attack can be stopped in that distance.

"After you have taken a village by storm the men must find safe cover without an instant's loss of time, as you can invariably expect an immediate heavy artillery fire, even if you can see to fire for only fifty yards."

"It is quite enough and an infantry attack can be stopped in that distance."

"What is the bravest deed that has come to your knowledge, your excellency?" I asked.

"Shall I give you a bombastic answer?" he replied good-humoredly. "Well, then, there have been so many brave deeds that no one of them stands out pre-eminently. But in the retrospect the finest thing, to my mind, was our young troops, charging for the first time in the face of a murderous fire, leaving Deutschland, Deutschland Ueber Alles."

Some idea of the position of the Germans in the west can be gathered from the fact that the general had time to smoke and chat with me for something like ten hours in two days."

FIVE BURNED TO DEATH.

Winterhaven, Fla., Dec. 28.—Harry Alvey, wife and three children, were burned to death early to-day when fire destroyed their home near here.

### FOUR RAISED TO RANK OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL

Probable Commanders of Three Brigades in Second Contingent Are Named.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Four new brigadier-generals have been gazetted by the military council to Col. B. W. Rutherford, officer commanding at Halifax; Col. Henry Smith, of Ottawa; Col. T. Benson, master-general of the ordnance, Ottawa; and Col. W. E. Hodgins, D.O.C. at London, Ont. It is understood that the men who will command the three brigades of the second Canadian contingent are Col. Septimus Denison, acting adjutant-general for the Ontario brigade; Col. J. P. Landry, of Quebec, for the Quebec brigade; and Col. H. J. Cowan, of Portage la Prairie, for the western brigade.

It is also stated that Col. Victor A. Williams, who was camp commandant at Valcartier, will be given command of the mounted rifles with the second contingent.

Col. T. D. R. Hemming, of Kingston, prefers to complete the work for the second contingent at Kingston before being transferred to the command of district No. 10 at Winnipeg. Col. Ruttan or Col. Thomson will be appointed acting D. O. C. at Winnipeg in the meantime. Col. Winters, military secretary, will probably go on the headquarters staff of the second contingent.

### VILLA FORCES MOVING OUT OF MEXICO CITY

Washington, Dec. 28.—General Villa's forces have suspended their attacks on Ebanio, near Tampico, and have concentrated their attack on the seaport of Tuxpan, where fighting is in progress to-day, according to advices to the state department.

The Carranza agency here to-day published the following telegram received from Carranza representatives at Galveston: "Semi-official reports here, although not confirmed, say that due to lack of communications, the Villa forces are evacuating Mexico City. It is believed they are doing this on account of the crying need of forces in the north to save lines of communication and to prevent Torreon, Chihuahua and Juarez from being captured. Villa would prefer to engage in battle outside the capital with Carranza's army of 100,000 men lying between here and Mexico City."

According to an official statement issued in Vienna, and Petrograd declares also officially, the Russian forces are pursuing the Austrians into the Carpathians, after taking many thousand prisoners.

### VON HINDENBERG IS NOW AT STANDSTILL

Austria Admits Check to Her Forces Stationed in Carpathians

London, Dec. 28.—On the battle-lines in both the eastern and western arenas of the war the onward movements have lost something of their headway. On the western front the allied offensive has momentarily stopped, while Gen. von Hindenberg, the German commander, has come to a standstill on the Vistula. At the same time Vienna admits a check to the Austrian forces stationed along the Galician Carpathians.

French troops during the past three days have made minor advances judging from the official communications given out in Paris, but apparently not at the same rate of speed as reported a fortnight ago. Fog accounts in a measure for this slackening of efforts. With the exception of the capture of certain Anglo-Indian trenches near the Vya last week most of which the allies have recaptured, the efforts of the Germans to send back the allied line have been generally abortive.

North of the river Vistula, in Russian Poland, the Germans, again reinforced, have retaken the town of Miawa, but south of the river they still stand on their old ground.

In Southern Poland, where the Germans right joined the Austrians left, there has been some severe fighting with slight gains for the Austro-German allies, judging from the reports coming from Vienna and Berlin. In the Galician Carpathians the Austrians have been compelled to give ground.

The enemy's sea planes succeeded in dropping their bombs near our ships, but without hitting any of them. The British ships remained for three hours off the enemy's coast without being molested by any surface vessel, and safely re-embarked three out of the seven airmen with their machines. Three other pilots returned later and

### MEXICAN TOWN PILLAGED BY WILD YAQUI INDIANS

On Board U. S. S. San Diego, Guayaquil, Mex., Dec. 28.—by wireless via San Diego.—Wild Yaqui Indians from the mountains attacked and pillaged the town of Torres la Colorado, sixty miles north of here yesterday. So far as can be learned no lives were lost but the foreign consuls have appealed to Governor Maytorena to send troops to take the situation in charge.

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### CUXHAVEN DAMAGE NOT FULLY KNOWN

### BRITISH LOST ONE BRAVE AIRMAN

London, Dec. 28.—The Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent says he learns from Hamburg that considerable damage was caused at Cuxhaven by

were picked up by British submarines which were standing by. Their machines were sunk.

Six out of the seven pilots returned

safely. Flight Commander Howlett is missing. His machine was seen in a wrecked condition about eight miles from Heligoland and the fate of the daring and skillful pilot is unknown.

The extent of the damage by the British airman's bombs cannot be estimated but all were discharged at points of military significance.

On Thursday last, Squadron Commander Richard B. Davies, of the naval air service, visited Brussels in a Farman biplane for the purpose of dropping twelve bombs at an airship shed reported to contain eight German aircrafts.

Eight of these bombs, of which six are believed to have hit, were discharged at the first attack; the remaining four on the return flight.

About the clouds of smoke which arose from the shed the effect could not be distinguished.

Flight Commander Francis Hewlett,

who is supposed to have lost his life in the Cuxhaven air raid, was the son of Maurice Hewlett, the novelist.

SAGHALIN ISLAND IS NOT GIVEN JAPANESE

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The Russian government has authorized the official news agency to deny in the most categorical manner the statement that Russia had ceded to Japan half the island of Saghalin, in exchange for heavy artillery. It is asserted that the report is absolutely unfounded.

One of the items given out by the German official press bureau on December 23 stated that reports had been received from Copenhagen to the effect that Russia had traded her half of Saghalin to Japan for heavy guns.

Saghalin Island lies off the east coast of Asia, and is separated from the mainland by the Gulf of Tartary.

The southern half was ceded to Japan by Russia under the treaty of Port-

smouth.

BUTCHER BEAT HIS WIFE TO DEATH, SHOT HIMSELF

Spokane, Dec. 28.—William Loth, a

enemy repeated his attacks, but they

also were unsuccessful. Similar results

occurred when they attempted to re-

capture a height to the west of Zen-

heim, for which we fought yesterday.

"There is no news from East Prus-

sia or from Poland. North of the Vis-

tula our attacks are developing, not-

withstanding the very unfavorable

weather."

### ARMIES SEPARATED; WESTERN FORCE IS IN CRIPPLED STATE

In Three Battles Enemy Loses Heavily in Men and Munitions—Ten Thousand Prisoners Taken Near Dukla

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—Russian forces, according to advices received to-day from Galicia, have succeeded in crossing the Biala river and in taking possession of a twenty-mile strip of territory south of Tuchow, thereby separating the two Austrian armies. The forces of General Boehm-Ermoli, the Austrian commander, are claimed by the Russians to be retreating precipitately and the western Austrian army is said to be badly crippled.

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—The following official statement was issued from general headquarters to-day: "During Dec. 26 the fighting along the lines of the Bzura and Rawka rivers was confined in general to artillery fire. We have repulsed with success various attacks by the Germans.

"Along the lower course of the Nida river we ousted, towards evening of Dec. 25, from the village of Wislica, the Austrians who obstinately defended it, and who attempted to fortify themselves on the left bank of the Nida. We then drove the Austrians beyond that river.

"South of the Vistula, in the region of Tarnow (Galicia) on Dec. 25, we drove back the Austrians from the Tuchow-Olpny line. The enemy abandoned ten rapid-fires and we took forty-three officers and more than 2,500 soldiers prisoners. The next day we continued the pursuit of the Austrians, who retreated in disorder. We captured eight more machine guns and about 1,000 prisoners. We occupied the heights near Siedlitzka on the left bank of the Biala river.

"In the direction of Dukla (Carpathians) there were engagements on Dec. 25 and 26, and the Austrians were driven from the Zmigrod-Dukla line, and are in full retreat. In the latest encounters in this region the Austrians suffered enormous losses and left in our hands as prisoners more than 10,000 men."

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The investment by the Russians of the Austrian fortress of Cracow has again been raised.

Following the discovery of an attempt made by the Austrians to divide the Russian forces in Galicia the Russians retreated eastward for a distance of fifty miles.

The Russian Galician army, which a short time ago was in touch on the south with the Austrian garrison defending Cracow, moved back to the Biala river, which is some fifty miles east of the former Russian position.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Russian retrogression completely relieved the investment of the fortress of Cracow, it is believed by military observers to be a marked advantage for the Russians, the retirement being due to the discovery of the Austrian aim to cut into halves the Russian forces in this region.

The Austrians, reports from the Russian southern front, began advancing December 22 from Tymbark, thirty-five miles southeast of Cracow, with the apparent object of swinging around the left of the Russians along the river Biala, northward of Tarnow, and joining forces with the army of General Boehm-Ermoli, which was ad-

vancing along the railroad from Sanok to Liski.

The premature appearance of General Boehm-Ermoli's army to the south of Przemysl, however, put the Russians on their guard and the Russians concentrated along the Biala river, moved down and attacked the Austrians at Tuchow, fifteen miles south of Tarnow, where they were successful in preventing a junction of the Austrian armies.

Meanwhile the attention of the Russians was directed to the Austrians advancing from Sanok, which movement was checked. After their successes in this direction, the Russians took the offensive along the Biala river.

Christmas Day the Russians won the battle of Tuchow, the Austrians retreating throughout the following day, the Russians capturing 2,500 prisoners and 18 machine guns.

Later the Russians crossed to the western bank of Biala and Saturday stormed the heights of Siedlitzka, four miles south of Tuchow. The Russians took possession of a twenty-mile strip of territory and thus succeeded in separating the two Austrian forces.

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## LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

### SECOND CONTINGENT ONE ARMY DIVISION

Plans Changed In Regard to Canadians Who Will Fight for Empire

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Contrary to previous arrangements the second contingent from Canada will comprise a complete army division. It was at first intended that four of the infantry battalions at Salisbury which are over and above the strength of a full division would be taken so form the nucleus of the second Canadian division. The arrangement has been abandoned. Twelve of the eighteen battalions at Salisbury Plain have been included in the first division, leaving a surplus of six. These are the 6th battalion, the 9th, the 11th, 12th and the 13th. In addition there is the Princess Patricia, which has been brigaded with members of Kitchener's army.

The 6th battalion is composed completely of former cavalry, including the Fort Garry Horse, the 18th Mounted Rifles and other units. These men who joined in infantry in the hope of ultimately being allowed to go as mounted troops, are to have their desire satisfied, for they are to be utilized as reinforcements for the Strathcona Horse, the Royal Canadian Dragoons and the divisional cavalry. The 9th, 11th and 13th and 17th are to be utilized for the purpose of providing infantry reinforcements. It would appear from the above that it is intended to send the remainder of the division to the front at an early date.

A larger number than expected will be required for the second division, which will be organized as follows: Fourth infantry brigade, 18th battalion, London; 19th and 20th, Toronto; and 21st, Kingston.

Fifth infantry brigade—22nd French-Canadian, 21st, St. Johns, Que.; 24th, Montreal; 25th, Halifax; and 26th, St. John, N. B.

Sixth infantry brigade—27th and 28th, Winnipeg; 29th, Vancouver; and 31st, Calgary.

The 23rd, Quebec, may be included in the fifth brigade.

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### GERMANS WILL DEFEND ANTWERP IN STRENGTH

Two Hundred Thousand Troops Stationed There and Defences Are Improved

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—The Antwerp correspondent of the Handelsblad states, on the authority of German officers, that there are 300,000 German troops in the Antwerp district and that they have been ordered to defend the position besieged by the allies.

"The plan of campaign," says the correspondent, "is to defend strongly the retreat from Roulers to Ghent, but to evacuate Ghent if necessary and defend Antwerp to the last. The inhabitants will be warned and given an opportunity to quit the town."

"Three thousand men are employed day and night strengthening the defences and fortifications which have been completely altered."

Paris, Dec. 27.—The strength of the German lines of defence along the western battlefield is indicated by a semi-official note issued here to-day in reference to artillery captured by the French in attacks on German trenches in the Perthes region on December 24.

The note says that when these trenches were taken the French gained possession of two quick-fires, several siege guns mounted on carriages, one siege mortar of 245 millimetres, one gun of 50 millimetres, with an armored cupola and a revolving gun of 27 millimetres.

The first army would, no doubt, have a hard time in landing, but once having gained a foothold, the navy on the outside would prevent a disengagement. Troops could then be landed for weeks, and a great army could be built up. Under such circumstances every energy should be directed to an advance toward Schleswig-Holstein to the Kiel canal.

"The Kiel canal once captured, the capture or destruction of the German fleet only would be a question of time, the army and navy still working together. If Germany attempted the destruction of the canal it could be restored, and then Russia's unlimited resources of men would be available for use elsewhere than on Russia's own frontier. Russia could then also be strengthened in war munitions from outside."

Paris, Dec. 27.—The following official statement was issued by the war office to-night: "After having all last night directed a very sharp artillery and infantry fire against our troops stationed at La Boisselle, and in the adjacent trenches the enemy delivered two consecutive attacks without success."

"We hold strongly the trenches captured near Puisseleau. On the heights of the Meuse we have consolidated our occupation of the ground taken near the trench of Caronne."

"St. Die has been bombarded violently from 9:30 o'clock in the morning to noon."

The following official statement was issued this afternoon:

"Between the See and Lys, the day was calm, and cannonading intermittent."

"Between the Lys and Oise there is nothing to report."

"In the valley of the Aisne and in Champagne, artillery duels continue. In the region of Perthes, the enemy, after violent bombardment of the trenches which he had lost, attempted a violent counter attack which was repelled by the fire of our artillery and infantry."

"In the Argonne there was slight progress to the south to St. Hubert. One company gained between 100 and 200 metres. We bombarded a ravine forcing the enemy to evacuate several trenches. Between the Meuse and Moselle, to the east of St. Mihiel, two German attacks against the fortifications of the Burnt Woods were repulsed."

"A dirigible dropped a dozen bombs on Nancy in the centre of the city, and without military reason. Our aviators in return bombarded the aviation hangars of Friesland, one of the rail-road stations of Metz, where movements of trains were noted, and the barracks of St. Privat, at Metz. In Upper Alsace our troops made further progress upon the heights which dominate Cerny and have repulsed some attacks there."

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"In the central Polish region the battle, on the contrary, continues very keen, except upon the lower Nida. On the whole Galician front the struggle is developing under conditions favorable to the Russians."

Sir Mark adds: "The khaki manufactured in this district is as good as can be. More wool is being used to-day than ever in the history of our local industries, and shoddy in smaller quantities than have ever known in an experience of over fifty years. Such indictments of a whole community, even under the privilege of parliament, are beneath contempt."

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W. H. Page, the American ambassador here, is without advice as to the situation. Nevertheless great interest is manifested in London as to the probable action of the American government if Germany grants only provisional recognition to neutral consuls.

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## DOOR ON WEST STILL CLOSED TO GERMANY

French, by Fortifying Whole Verdun Region Hold Their Enemy Back

London, Dec. 28.—So little has been known concerning the methods employed by the French to hold the Germans back from Verdun and block the road that leads almost straight from Metz to Paris that dispatches just received from a correspondent with the French armies in that region go far toward clearing up one of the mysteries of the war.

Verdun is the key to unlock the eastern doors of France, but the Germans have been unable to turn that key. All that they have succeeded in doing is to advance a force to St. Mihiel on the right bank of the Meuse between Verdun and Toul, but the steady offensive movement of the French has thrown a loop around St. Mihiel, and it is entirely probable that within a few weeks the Germans at St. Mihiel will be forced to retreat or will be cut off and captured.

Verdun is normally a city of 22,000 inhabitants, a quaint old town with gates and walls in the manner of Vauban; but the real Verdun referred to in the government communiques is a piece of country around the town, protruding to the northeast from the general line of battle like a vast bastion, with a crescent face of seventy miles in length. Around the town are the old forts which held out for three weeks in 1870, but the most important fortifications are the field defences erected by the troops who man the crescent-shaped bastion and who have defeated every attempt of the Germans to advance heavy guns to points near the town and the old forts.

After the Germans were stopped at St. Mihiel and compelled to take the defensive day and night the French were at liberty to develop and expand their plans for fortifying the whole region. The correspondent says:

"After due reflection Gen. S. decided that the duties of his troops were twofold, the first of a general character, to maintain connection with the neighboring armies and to contribute to the general scheme of operations; the second, to protect Verdun to the utmost in the field, to stay off as long as possible a direct attack upon the fortress, to keep the heavy German guns as far out of range of the forts as possible, and to extend by earthworks and entrenchments the actual fortified zone at this point on the Meuse."

"Fortresses," he remarked to me, "are built to be taken, and 'ville assagée,' 'ville prise' is an old military maxim which events have brought thoroughly up to date."

"The general does not intend, if capacity and hard work count for anything in war, that Verdun ever shall be besieged in the strict sense of the word. Siege operations are, it is true, in progress already, but the nearest point to Verdun occupied by the Germans, Juvelles d'Ormes, twin wooded heights to the northeast of the fortress, is about thirteen kilometres away.

"The general's endeavor to give room, to Verdun has resulted in extending the fortifications of Verdun many miles beyond the former zone. Verdun indeed summarizes a development in the art of siege operations. It is a walled battlemented city with moat, drawbridges and portcullises, protected by an outer ring of forts, which were modern a few months ago. Now every height and every valley in the country for 20 miles around has been so labored at that there are fields ploughed by trenches and hillsides closely dotted with short poles supporting barbed wire that recall the vineyards of Champagne when the vines have been cut in the autumn.

"In the valleys through which we pass on our way to a vantage point in the Meuse heights from which to survey an artillery duel in progress we gained more clearly than on the plains of Flanders some idea of the way in which war is a test of national efficiency and of the completeness with which an army is self-contained. Regiments were at work making new roads and remaking old where they were worn by the constant stream of food and ammunition convoys, of artillery on the march, of rushing motor cars, and of ponderously moving heavy guns. In the woods other regiments were felling trees, clearing the first zone of some hidden battery.

"Others were weaving twigs into baskets, which, when filled with earth, will strengthen the scattered defences. In the hills others again were cutting the trunks of young trees into stakes for barbed wire entanglements, preparing planks for the roofing of trenches or for the manufacture of hospital beds, or for the construction of the marvellous winter dwellings which the handy soldier of France is building for himself in these exposed regions.

"Gazing from the observation station the eye was caught here and there by clusters of men busy as bees. White ribbons like roads were speckled with slowly moving dots of motor convoys, of the ever gay hearted French artillerymen going to or coming from his position from the battery emplacements, constructed with marvellous skill by French engineers in the exposed hillside around Verdun."

The correspondent observed the initiative and constructive abilities displayed by the French soldiers who have dotted the whole front with charming artillery "garden cities" made by the men themselves without any supervision from their officers. A huge scoop is taken out of the wooded, sandy hillside, and the village nestles right into the heart of the hillside. Above it is a fir crowned crest over which the guns fire. Over the distant range of hills floats a captive balloon. Here and there the sun glints on the wings of a passing aeroplane.

The batteries are concealed, each in a stall of turf and covered with branches of spruce. The cottages of the men are built of straw or covered

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### ON THE BERLIN AGENDA.

An Important Point.—A city girl was taking a course in an agricultural college. After a lecture on "How to Increase the Milk Flow," she rose for a question. "How long," she blushing inquired, "must one beat a cow before she will give whipped cream?"

The German Emperor dreams, it is said, that just as Napoleon gave out crowns and kingdoms right and left to his brothers, so will he, when he is master of Europe, set up all his sons as kings. France he intends as a kingdom for his second son, Prince Henri Frits, who will be known as

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### THE WAR.

The important news to-day is the Petrograd announcement concerning the fortunes of the struggle on the eastern front. The German offensive against Warsaw has been stopped at the Buga and Rawka rivers, Russia apparently having ample resources to deal with the situation at this point. A week or so ago the German attack through Mlawa in the north was thrown back upon the East Prussian frontier, so Warsaw is clear of danger from the northwest, west and southwest.

But what is now clear is that Russia is confining her operations in northern Poland to those of defence, while she is pursuing the offensive in southern Poland and Galicia. The Austrian army which reached the Nida river has been driven back with loss while the forces which came north through the Carpathians are now in full retreat after enormous losses and the Russians have retaken the passes from which they were withdrawn when the main Austro-German offensive began. The Russians have thrown an army corps between this army and the Austro-German forces which advanced through southern Poland, and all signs presage another collapse of the Teutonic resistance in both southern Poland and Galicia.

Petrograd military critics point to an absence of co-ordination between the various German and Austrian armies in their campaign, which inevitably must result in their demoralization. Each general seems to be conducting his operations independently of the others, with the result that systematic strategy has been thrown to the winds. Russia's game plainly is to hold the Germans in northern Poland while she advances against Hungary and Silesia. This finally would involve the retirement of von Hindenburg's army and end the third and most spectacular failure of the German campaign against the Czar. It is interesting to recall in this connection the Kaiser's reported bulletin to his soldiers which stated that if they failed to take Warsaw he should have to sue for peace under degrading conditions.

Two months ago the Germans, upon retiring from the Vistula to their own border and upon a shorter front, were able to dispatch troops to the west and adopt a vigorous offensive with the capture of Calais as the object. This time that plan cannot be adopted. In the first place the Russians now are only thirty miles east of Crewe. As soon as the German line in Poland begins to waver the Russians will surge into Hungary and westward to Silesia. Germany will be menaced as she never was menaced before, while the dual monarchy will be doomed. The consequences of a third failure in a campaign against Russia are bound to be more serious for those who failed than those which attended the first attempt. Unless the Kaiser is willing to abandon Silesia as far as the Oder he cannot send reinforcements to the west. On the contrary the pressure will draw his troops from France and Belgium. Thus Russia will pull while the allies will shove, and between them they will get results.

In the west the allies have made considerable progress towards Lombardzijde on their left wing in Belgium, but have lost a part of their position of support at Hellebæk south of Ypres. To offset this a substantial gain has been recorded in the region of Lens in the north of France. Evidently the allies' offensive is confined largely to artillery attack, to be followed by a more vigorous infantry movement as soon as their numbers and equipment are deemed sufficient. For the moment, however, it is to the eastern front that we must look for

any startling change, for Austria has received some terrific jolts in the last few weeks.

### THE RAID ON CUXHAVEN

The raid on Cuxhaven by the British on Christmas Day was an affair of the air, not of the sea, as the Berlin announcement intimated. Seven seaplanes with the light cruisers Undaunted and Arethusa as their bases, dropped bombs on the German fleet in the mouth of the Elbe, but the fog under cover of which the dash was made prevented an estimate of the damage done. One aviator commander is missing and four seaplanes were destroyed, but even if no German ships were damaged the results more than justified the attempt, much as the loss of the gallant officer may be deplored.

In the first place the incident shows that British light cruisers like the Arethusa and Undaunted—which already have covered themselves with glory in this war—together with destroyers can manoeuvre in the region of Heligoland without receiving any injury from German submarines. Secondly, it is possible for the naval aerial service to strike at the home bases of the German fleet. More dashes of the sort may now be looked for. It was the success of the military aerial excursion to Cologne which prompted the raids upon Frederickshaven and Flensburg. Both the German army and naval bases soon will be made fairly familiar with the outlines of British aerial craft.

The battle between the German Taube and two British aeroplanes over the Thames a few days ago shows how difficult it is to shoot down one of those darting little machines. It shows, too,

how absolutely overmatched a Zeppelin would be in a contest against these mosquito craft of the air. A Zeppelin with a five hundred-foot gasbag would be a target that could not be missed, while it would be exceedingly difficult to hit an aeroplane hovering directly above it. We imagine the British aerial service would like nothing better than to welcome that much-touted Zeppelin expedition.

### ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

In a year when the statements of the principal banks of Canada are being closely scrutinized in all the leading banking centres of the world, there is reason for congratulation that they should show, in some instances, exceptional strength and solidity.

To a very marked degree is this the case with the showing made by the Royal Bank of Canada, which is sending out to shareholders its forty-fifth annual statement. For a number of years past the Royal Bank has been making such steady progress that shareholders have become somewhat accustomed to satisfactory statements, but what should be especially gratifying to them this year is that under the very unusual conditions that prevailed throughout the financial world the bank should have been able to make a record showing in the departments that make for strength, namely, in cash on hand and liquid assets.

It is perhaps owing to the peculiar conditions that prevail in the country as a result of the European war that the banks have found it advisable to keep themselves in a position that would enable them to help in any contingency that might arise, and in this way secure the real interests of the country at large. To what extent the Royal Bank has followed such a policy

can best be appreciated from the general statement, which shows that at the close of its fiscal year, November 30, 1914, the amount of cash on hand reached the high level of \$2,682,855, equivalent to such a large percentage as 17.93 of liabilities to the public. At the end of the previous year the cash on hand was equivalent to 12.83 per cent., so that for the year an increase of over \$6,000,000 is shown. The liquid assets, in which the cash on hand is also included, amount to \$9,644,677, equivalent to as much as 46.16 per cent. of liabilities to the public. Its valuation of its investments the bank has evidently followed its usual conservative policy, as this year an allowance for depreciation is made of a half million dollars. It would seem as though this allowance was only one of precaution, as in time the securities should more than make up the depreciation now being allowed.

Notwithstanding the general contraction which has occurred in business throughout Canada, more particularly in manufacturing, the volume of business done by the bank has been well maintained, the current loans amounting to \$4,585,972, as compared with \$56,399, at the end of the previous year, while other current loans and discounts elsewhere than in Canada show a very slight change, amounting to \$15,002,488, as compared with \$15,551,394.

A rather surprising feature of the statement is that the deposits bearing interest reached a new high level at \$104,827,078, as compared with \$101,996,750, an increase of close to \$3,000,000. There are some unusual provisions made in the profit and loss account this year. This applies to the allowance of \$500,000, which has been made for depreciation in investment and a contribution of \$50,000 to patriotic funds. The profits for the year showed a falling

off as compared with the previous year, due perhaps to the fact that such attention was being given to the maintenance of a strong position. They amounted to \$1,886,142, equivalent to 16.30 per cent. on the paid-up capital.

### ANNEXING BELGIUM.

Between the announcement that Germany is preparing to annex Belgium and the admission of a defeat in the campaign before Warsaw is an intimate and significant connection. As a palliative the one is the corollary of the other. It is the sugar that must coat the bitter pill of defeat. A fanfare of trumpets and the announcement that Belgium has been added to the "glorious provinces of invincible Germany" will be empty compensation for the enormous sacrifices of a futile military expedition. If the people are befooled by such a clumsy distraction, if they are dazzled by such tinsel into ignorance of the real situation, they are hopeless.

This kind of chloroform has been tried several times since August. Falling in the excursion to Paris, the German staff threw away fifty thousand lives in the useless capture of Antwerp, in celebrating which the German people forgot the failure of the campaign in France. Utterly discredited in the first attempt upon Warsaw, they made a frantic effort to break across the Vistre and hold up Czajak as another distraction. This firecracker did not go off, although the effort cost two hundred thousand lives, and now the stock of gaudy show victories is so low that the general staff must resort to proclamations annexing countries which everybody outside of Germany knows they cannot hold.

The annexation of Belgium by the Germans would be followed by overtures from Berlin for peace. By offering to give up the newly-acquired "German territory" German negotiators would endeavor to bluff their way clear of the enormous concessions that will be demanded of them. After all, it will be the only card they can play, and it will be the most forlorn of forlorn hopes. This is the opportunity of a lifetime to kill the octopus of militarism and a good job will be made of it. As for the "annexation" of Belgium, the proceeding will be viewed by the rest of the world with amused contempt. Napoleon annexed half of Europe, including Holland and Belgium, but when he was overthrown France was smaller than it was when he began his luminous course. The German empire will shrink similarly as a result of its crazy plunge of August last.

### MIXING HIS PERSONALITIES.

The caustic comment of the Chief Justice a few days ago relative to the way in which Attorney-General Bowser and his subconscious self, W. J. Bowser, of the well-known law firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, get their respective entities mixed up, helps to refresh the public recollection.

When the amiable Mr. Gotoh organized the immigration agency which arranged to import Oriental labor to this country under contract with two big corporations, he paid Messers. Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge the compliment of retaining them as his solicitors. About the same time Mr. Bowser, the Attorney-General, was fathoming legislation in the provincial house dealing with the subject of Oriental immigration.

When the government attempted to acquire the Kitsilano Indian reserve a gentleman who had been associated with the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge acted as one of the middlemen, among whom Mr. divided a commission amounting to some \$80,000 on a two hundred thousand dollar deal. We use the word "attempted" in connection with his transaction advisedly, for it was carried out in violation of the Indian Act, and consequently the Indians still own the reserve, although the money, including the commission, has been paid over by the province. We are surprised that neither Attorney-General Bowser, nor Mr. Bowser, of the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, was not more conversant with the terms of the act. Either should have known.

We find also, that some of the principal land syndicates have been in the habit of retaining the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge in forwarding their applications to acquire government lands. A large part, if not all, of the areas received was obtained under conditions contrary to the provisions of the law. Again we are surprised that both Attorney-General Bowser and W. J. Bowser, of the firm, should have been so imperfectly informed on the land act.

Finally we see that the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge were the solicitors of the Dominion Trust, which, according to the Attorney-General, "had been bankrupt for years," and which had been permitted to do everything a trust company should not do to the ruin of depositors and investors, and the deepest injury to the good name of the province. What would happen if every member of the provincial executive were head of a law firm with so many ramifications?

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A French newspaper suggests the dispatch of representatives from Liege, Rheims, Arras, Lille and Louvain to the Panama Pacific exposition to learn how San Francisco rose from its ashes in ten years to a greater city than before. The San Francisco example becomes the more striking when it is recalled that the city had to do its own financing. The financing of the destroyed Belgian and French cities will be done by Germany. More than half their troubles will have been cleared away before the work is started.

Unemployment in many important lines in England is less than it was a year ago. Labor conditions are fairly normal. It is not hard to understand the remark that the British navy is winning a victory every day. It is doing more than winning victories. It is winning a war.

The German war office reports that the allies are attacking Nieuport by land and sea. This point must have changed hands or the German bulletin is a lie. A few weeks ago the allies had Nieuport.

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**Provincial Member Losses** Mother—

I. W. Shatford member of the legislature for Similkameen has lost his mother, whose death occurred at Hubbard, N. S., on Thursday. Mr. Shatford at once left for the east to attend the funeral, and was joined at Sicamous by his brother, W. T. Shatford, president of the provincial Conservative association.

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**Empress of Ireland**—Mrs. McEwan, 2525 Work street, this morning received a letter returned from the dead letter office, this being a communication addressed to friends in Scotland and recovered from the Empress of Ireland wreck. B. J. Gillooly also got back a letter from the wreck this morning. It was written to a brother-in-law at Southport, Eng., and is an excellent state of preservation, the ink of the address being as plain as when written.

**Elected Officers**—At its monthly meeting at the A. O. F. hall, the Victoria Gaelic society elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

President, Wm. McGillivray; vice-president, A. McDonald; second vice-president, A. McPhee; recording secretary, R. McKenzie; financial secretary, Angus McDonald; treasurer, R. McLean; warden, J. McLeod; pipe, Wm. Wishart; chaplain, Rev. Dr. Campbell. A social and dance followed and was much enjoyed by all present. The annual concert and dance will take place on January 28.

**Empress Ball**—Preparations are now practically complete for the great Empress ball on New Year's Eve. This function has always been one of the most popular of the whole season and this year the presence of a large number of soldiers in the city promises to give it even more brilliancy and color than in the past. The tickets have been limited to 250 in order to provide everyone a seat with a seat in the main dining-room. It is requested by the management that all parties of six and over should reserve tables beforehand.

**Was Long in the Province**—The death occurred at Savona last week of Samuel McCartney, a pioneer who was well known from the coast to the mountains. The late Mr. McCartney was born in Belfast in 1847 and came to the province in 1882, landing in this city. From here he went to the Tao and in 1865 he took up his residence in Kamloops. During the construction of the C. P. R. through the mountains he was employed on the work, with his headquarters at Illecwaet. Of recent years he had acted as bookkeeper for Adam Ferguson and the Wilson estate at Savona.

**Phoenix Beer**, dozen pints, 75c.

**A Veteran General**—South African campaigners here, particularly those who were in the sixth division, regret the announcement of the death of General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, G. C. B., at his Irish residence. Several of them were with him at the relief of Kimberley and the rounding up of General Cronje.

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**Service for Homeless**—The Dominion theatre was packed last evening on the occasion of the special services arranged by the First Baptist church for the man away from home. The special feature of the service was the soldiers' choir, which took the place of the regular choir and sang the anthem for the evening. Mrs. Standland sang very sympathetically "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" The subject of the pastor's text was II Samuel xxiii: 15: "And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of Bethlehem, which is by the gate." The idea brought out in the address was that even as David's thoughts turned longingly to the old well so should men's thoughts at this season more particularly turn to the sweet refreshments of childhood, with a safe anchorage of home and unshaken faith in the redeeming power of Christ. Let every man who was away from home write a letter before the entrance of the New Year, and keep the remembrance warm. Let those who have homes make more of them and of the family whose future was being formed by the teachings therein.

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If it is considered good business and in the best interests of the policyholders of the Prudential Insurance Company of America to buy out the stockholders even at the huge cost of \$15,000,000, then it must surely follow that it is good business to carry a policy in The Mutual Life of Canada. There are no stockholders to be bought out. Especially is this the case when it is considered that the Mutual Life of Canada has the largest ratio of net surplus to liabilities of any Canadian company, and holds a reserve of over \$19,000,000, every dollar of which belongs exclusively to its policyholders. It pays to insure in the Mutual Life of Canada. R. L. Drury, Manager; Fred. M. McGregor and T. E. Mariner, Special Agents; Offices, 915 Government-street.

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**First Presbyterian Church**—To-morrow evening there will be a big children's entertainment at the First Presbyterian church, commencing with tea at 6 o'clock, a Christmas tree and an elaborate programme later in the evening, in the course of which prizes will be distributed in connection with the examination held at the end of the last quarter. On Thursday evening instead of a "Watch Night" service there will be a service of prayer and praise from 8 to 9 p.m., to which a cordial invitation is extended.

**Daughters of Pity Dance**—The Daughters of Pity some time ago decided, in view of the needs of the Children's Ward, Royal Jubilee Hospital, to hold their annual dance as usual, and the event will take place at the Alexandra hall on the afternoon and evening of January 8. There will be the usual children's dance from 4 to 8 p.m. (fancy dress optional), admission being fifty cents. All the regular arrangements are being made for tea and music. Dancing for the adults will be from 9 to 2, and the proceeds of both functions will be turned in to the

**Christmas Entertainment**—The school-day Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Chinese Mission will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the church, 528 Fisgard street. A splendid programme will be rendered by the children and older members of the Sunday-school. Dr. Osterholz, superintendent of Oriental work in British Columbia, will occupy the chair. These are always very happy occasions at the mission and all are cordially invited to come and enjoy this evening's entertainment.

**To Hold Social**—A social will be held to-night at James Bay Methodist Church at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Epworth League. Amongst other interesting events will be a banting contest, a nail driving competition for ladies and a hat trimming contest for men. A musical programme will be provided.

**Spanish Ratepayers**—An executive meeting of Ward 2 Saanich Ratepayers Association will be held in the office at the corner of Saanich Road and the V. & S. Railway to-morrow evening at 8 for the purpose of making arrangements to collect a list of the unemployed in the ward. All executive members are requested to attend.

**Tabernacle Sunday School Treatment**—The Sunday school entertainment of the Mutual Life of Canada will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the church, 528 Fisgard street. A splendid programme will be rendered by the children and older members of the Sunday-school. Dr. Osterholz, superintendent of Oriental work in British Columbia, will occupy the chair. These are always very happy occasions at the mission and all are cordially invited to come and enjoy this evening's entertainment.

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**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY**

Victoria Times, December 28, 1889.

If the cold weather stays and becomes vigorous enough to congeal the surface of Goodacre Lakelet at the park, good skating will be the result. The chairman of the park committee has stated that no objection will be raised against skating parties enjoying themselves there, but gives the warning that the ice is not to be tried till it is strong enough to bear well.

The Odd Fellows' hall was packed last evening with men, women and children, the occasion being the annual Christmas tree given for the entertainment of the children of the order. There were between four and five hundred children present.

Thomas Tugwell, of the Colonial hotel, Johnson street, has decided to erect a three-storey brick block on the property now occupied by the hotel.

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., says that L. A. Wells will be appointed to the vacant position of United States consul.

**Public Dance**—A public dance will be held to-morrow evening at Semple's Hall, Victoria West.

**Won Prizes**—The Ivy Leaf Social club held its weekly whist drive on Christmas Eve in the Knights of Pythias hall. An enjoyable time was spent by all. The following ladies and gentlemen won prizes: First lady, Mrs. Phillips; second lady, Mrs. Oddy; consolation prize, Mrs. Tunnicliffe. First gentleman, P. James; second gentleman, T. Coleman. The sealed prizes were won by Miss Henly and A. G. Peatt. No whist drive will be held on New Year's Eve, but one will be held on the first Thursday in January.

**Independent Foresters**—Notice is in the current issue of the Canada Gazette by the Independent Order of Foresters of intention to apply to parliament at the coming session for an act amending its legislation by adding the following section: "The society shall be bound to maintain in respect of all its outstanding mortality benefit certificates or policies reserve on the basis of the Foresters' Experience and four per cent. annual interest."

**Ward II. Association**—The executive of the Ward II. Ratepayers' association of Saanich this morning, in accordance with the resolution of the meeting on Wednesday, opened an employment bureau at the corner of Douglas street and the main Saanich road. The hours of registration are from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock.

**Received Severe Injuries**—Slipping on the top step of the stairs at the St. Francis hotel on Saturday night, Alexander Macdonald fell to the ground floor and received severe injuries about the head. When Dr. Sinclair arrived the man was unconscious and his removal to the Jubilee hospital was therewith ordered. He was taken to the hospital in the police patrol.

**Copyright Granted**—Copyright has been granted by the department of agriculture to Frances Eliza Cannavan and Lillian Clarke Sweeney, Victoria, for the little booklet, "The Tale of a Belgian Hare," which was not received in these columns some days ago.

Copyright has also been granted to L. W. Makowski, Vancouver, for a book, "Land and Labor; the Opportunity of British Columbia." The sub-title is "A Belgian Hare," which was not received in these columns some days ago.

**Wesley Methodist Services**—A special programme of music was provided both yesterday morning and evening in connection with the services at Wesley Methodist church. Miss May Mitchell was the special soloist in the morning, and in addition to a number of carols and Christmas hymns the choir sang special Christmas anthems. In the evening Mrs. Bennett gave a very beautiful rendering of "Come Unto Him, All Ye That Labor." From Handel's Messiah, A. T. Waite also sang "Nazareth," and the choir finished a Christmas anthem. The subject of Rev. S. J. Thompson's morning sermon was "Star of Bethlehem," and of the evening sermon, "Thou Shall Call His Name Jesus." The Sunday School Christmas entertainment at Wesley church will take place at 7:30 to-morrow evening. A splendid programme of recitations, songs, carols, drills and dialogues, has been arranged. Next Saturday afternoon the Christmas tree for the primary pupils of the Sunday school will be held.

**Orchestra**—The school attendance at the city schools in the month of December showed falling off of 72 pupils from the total for November, but the figures are regarded as better than usual in the last month of the year.

The details are as follows:

**School** . . . . . **Dec. Nov.**

McGill . . . . . 66 63

High . . . . . 588 592

Boys' Central . . . . . 441 456

Girls' Central . . . . . 416 424

North Ward . . . . . 376 389

South Park . . . . . 319 320

Victoria West . . . . . 307 307

Sir James Douglas . . . . . 311 304

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## COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE MARKET BY-LAW

Short Business Session This Evening; the Municipal Election

The chief item of business before the city council this evening will be the market by-law, which has been on the table for two weeks and which the chairman of the committee, Alderman Sargent, is anxious to see passed during the present council's term of office.

Some replies have been received from the various cities to which application was made for information on the cost of hydrant service, following the water commissioner's recommendation that the city fire department should be charged more for the hydrants that are in use than is at present the case.

Till all the desired figures are available the fire warden's committee will oppose an increase in the figures, which they submit are now excessive.

It is expected that action will be taken early this week on the proposal of the central employment and relief committee to open a central registry, the sub-committee of the council has been in touch with the Friendly Help association, with which it is proposed to co-operate.

Arrangements are being made by the returning officer for the municipal election on January 14. The public should

### HAD LOADED REVOLVER

Foreigner Heavily Fined for Packing Gun in His Pocket About the City; Had Used Threats.

A loaded revolver, found in the pocket of Peter Pulice, foreigner, resulted in that worthy being brought to-day before Magistrate Jay charged with having firearms upon his person, contrary to the criminal code. He was sentenced to a fine of \$50 or two months in jail for the offence.

The evidence of Detective Siciano, who with Detective Turner made the arrest, was to the effect that Pulice continually carried the gun on his person and when in an argument with a man would threaten him with the weapon in his pocket. When arrested the accused had five bullets in the gun and eight more loose in his pocket.

The prisoner attempted to explain that he was carrying the revolver about because he shortly had to go to one of the Moore and Pethick's camps and he would perhaps have to be out in the open for several days, during which time the revolver would be some protection against wild beasts. The magistrate then asked him why he kept it loaded in town.

Prisoner: "I did not know it was loaded."

Magistrate: "A man who does not know whether a gun is loaded or not is not fit to have one."

The revolver was ordered confiscated.

"Is Mr. Bradley in?" asked the visitor. "He is not, sorry," responded the Irish servant. "Shure, he won't be back till eleven." "Where is he gone?" "He's gone to take a ride in his interim." "In his which?" "In his interim, sorry, so he said... "Sorry a wan of me knows phew it means, but it's a fashionable name for a carriage, I'm thinking. Half-an-hour ago he says to Michael, I'm expecting Gafficks here this morning; but it's likely he won't be along for a while yet, so I will just go down in the interim, says he, and with that he drove off in the carriage." — Weekly Telegraph.

## AUDITORS BLAMED BY MONTREAL DIRECTOR

John Pitblado Claims to Have Been Influenced in Investing in Dominion Trust by Report

The auditors of the Dominion Trust company, Riddell, Stead, Hodges & Winter, come in for some sharp criticism at the hands of John Pitblado, of Montreal, one of the directors of the company. Mr. Pitblado had the oversight of the office in the metropolis, as the resident director, and this was the only office which did not accept deposits. Mr. Pitblado claims, further, that it was the only branch where all trusts were kept in separate trust accounts, as the law required. Immediately on the news that the company had suspended business Mr. Pitblado came out to Vancouver, and ever since he has been working day and night assisting the directors and the provisional liquidator in getting to the bottom of affairs.

Mr. Pitblado loses \$130,000 of his own money, but what hurts him more is the position in which he has been placed, as a financier and stockbroker of repute in the east, by recommending clients to purchase stock in the company. When he was solicited over a year ago by the late W. R. Arnold to take stock, he came out to the coast and spent three days in going over the affairs at the head office with the auditors before consenting to take an interest in the company. He insisted upon several improvements in the methods of handling titles and making yearly re-evaluations of properties.

Late in August of last year, after he had returned home, he received from Mr. Arnold a letter containing some figures alleged to show the growth of the company's business and prosperity during the year, and there was enclosed what purported to be a certified true copy of an auditor's report from the firm mentioned, to the president and directors of the company, which read as follows:

"Gentlemen.—We have made a detailed examination of all the deeds, documents and records in connection with the investments made by the Dominion Trust Co. on behalf of its clients. We certify that the same are in good order and that, where the deeds and documents of title are in possession of the company, they are filed separately under the client's name and apart from the company's own investments. Where no deeds or documents were in evidence, receipts or other satisfactory proof that they had been handed over to the clients, or disposed of, under their directions, were exhibited to us. Valuators' reports, certificates of title, solicitors' reports, have been produced to us in the case of mortgage and other investments requiring same."

Although so far little mention has been made of the auditors of the company and their responsibility in the matter, Mr. Pitblado feels that to be the same signature are true, investigation of their liability should be made, as in his case he had placed reliance on their reports of matters at the head office.

Speculation is still rife as to who will secure the appointment to the liquidatorship, as on the personality of the liquidator and the attitude he adopts towards his work, much depends. Two committees, one representing the depositors and the other the creditors at large, have been at work in Vancouver during the past ten days investigating the standing of a large number of possible nominees for the position. The depositors meeting to hear the report of their committee and select nominees was held on the third floor of the Dominion Trust building in Vancouver on Saturday night, when four names were chosen to be recommended to Chief Justice Hunter for the position of permanent liquidator, after a lengthy discussion.

The four gentlemen suggested are: W. E. Jardine, formerly manager of the Bank of Vancouver; J. F. Forrest, manager of the Standard Trust Company in Vancouver; Archer B. Martin, liquidator of the Ocean Falls Company, Limited; and Ashwell Anderson, senior partner in Andersons, Limited, Vancouver.

One of the results of the failure of the Dominion Trust is the closing of the Empress theatre in Vancouver, in which Del S. Lawrence, and later Lawrence and Sandusky, have been conducting a stock company for the last five or six years. This company has remained one of the best on the coast, as Victorians who have visited the theatre when in Vancouver know, and very occasionally a short engagement has been played here. Four years ago, when Miss Isabelle Fletcher was the leading woman, a fortnight of summer stock was given at the old Victoria to very good houses.

The theatre property is involved

## "FOR FREEDOM'S SAKE"

By HENRY CHAPPELL  
The Bath Railway Poet, Author of "The Day," in the London Express.

Men of our land who love our land, arise,  
Your country needs you. Never yet in vain  
Has man's call had answer'd to the skies  
And spread as living fire o'er hill and plain.  
Your country needs you; leave it not too late,  
The human spiders brood on every hand,  
Swarm overwhelming, pitiless as fate.  
Do as thy fathers did—up, grasp the brand.

Men of our land who love our land, unite,  
To wrest from land inapt, perverted power,  
The fearful streams they've loosed to Heaven's sight  
Are but as crops to Ocean red that lower,  
Trust not to others in this hour of need,  
Fight for thine own salvation, stand or fall,  
O wait not idly by while brothers bleed;  
Your country needs you, answer thou her call.

Men of our land who love our land, mark well,  
The foe is strong in horrid strength of years,  
Will ye then let their cannon sound our knell?  
Shall Britain's glory sink in blood and tears?  
Shall it be ever written of our might,  
The sons she trusted failed her, so she fell?  
O God forbid that ever morning's light  
Should see our doom and Liberty's farewell.

Men of our land who love our land, all!  
Right well we know it is not craven fears  
That dull your ear unto the tocsin's call;  
'Tis but the apathy of bloodless years.  
The spark once struck will grow into a flame  
That, growing yet, shall blast with fiery breath  
The sanguined foe, it calls a blush to name,  
Who glut, with wanton hand, the halls of death.

Men of our land who love our land, ah, see!  
Rank upon rank is forming closely set  
To fight for all we love, to keep us free.  
But still the call comes, "More are needed yet."  
More thou shalt have, O Mother, in thy need,  
From us and from thy children far away,  
Till all be low, or stand triumphant freed  
From despot's rule and brown ambition's sway.

Men of our land, all love our land, I hear  
The despot's thunder of a nation's rage,  
From every clime comes bold thine honor dear.  
All sons resistless come to keep their gage.  
All tongues as one, the chorus swells afar  
And beats against the vault of earth's vast dome  
In cadence stern that drowns the din of war:  
"Mother, you called us—see, we come, we come."

Gordons

Phone 1391

## Items of Special Interest

### Something New in Ladies' Shoes,

#### The Garter Top

And no wonder they are being received with greatest satisfaction and delight by the well dressed women of this and other countries, as they are certainly one of the neatest shoes ever brought into vogue. They retain the smart appearance gaiters but without that somewhat cumbersome appearance sometimes noticed when gaiters are worn. We have received a fine range of these in several shades, and we would advise you to come and have a pair fitted while our stock is complete. The price is only \$6.00 per pair.

#### Modart Front Laced Corset

##### The Corset "De Luxe"

This well-known Corset has no superior. They answer all the demands of the new Fall styles in every respect. It cares for the figure beautifully and gives the support necessary to the health of all women. We particularly call attention to the comfort and ease of this splendid Corset. Breathing is unimpeded, and there is no restriction of the diaphragmatic action. You will never regret giving these a trial. An expert corsetiere is in charge.

#### Special Bargains From

##### the Basement

Satin Underskirts, made in a very neat style, with pleated edge. Colors are pepper, black, navy, saxe, tan, cerise, Copenhagen, brown, emerald and wisteria. These are made of a fine quality satin, being guaranteed to be seventy-five per cent silk. Price, only \$1.50

Ready-to-Wear Hats at Bargain Prices—A large assortment of neatly trimmed Felt Hats. Included are also a number of beaver felt shapes. All the popular colors for Fall are represented. Regular values to \$3.50. Sale ..... 98c

A Great Bargain in Waists—Several pretty, dainty and serviceable styles in this lot, including a number of tailored Shirt Waists. It will pay you to secure two or three of these at this price. Sale price ..... 40c

#### SCAPEGRACE A HERO

Was Twice Wounded, but Fought to Death.

(Related by Private N. G. Tipper, of the Coldstream Guards, and reported in London Chronicle.)

There was a man in the trench with us who has not got a clean sheet, he always seemed to be getting into trouble for one thing or another.

He got hit in the left arm. He crawled back out of the trenches to the nearest field ambulance and had his wound dressed.

We advised him to go to the rear, but he refused, and with difficulty made his way back to the firing line. There, despite his wounded arm, he steadily went on firing at the enemy.

Some time passed, and he was shot in the right arm. Again he made the difficult and painful journey to the field hospital, and again, with both arms injured, he stubbornly insisted on crawling back to the trench.

This time it took him longer, but at last he got back, and with difficulty handling his rifle with his maimed limbs he grimly went on shooting.

By and by he collapsed, shot clean through the body. Several comrades produced 42,000 different kinds of tin articles in a year.

An American can-making factory produces

through the body. Several comrades

ran to him and raised him. They told him he must get back, but he said,

"No, let me be. The bairns have done me in this time, Jack."

He paddled towards two wounded men a little way off in the trench, and said: "Get those chapmen out, they'll be good for something again. But for me, I'm done."

His chums were laying him down when he muttered, "Hoist me up before you go. I'll give them another round, so help me. Prop me up quick and look to those two chaps."

They propped him up beside his rifle, which rested in the loophole. The poor fellow with fumbling hands pointed his rifle and let drive two more rounds. Then he slipped down dead.

#### WEEK'S WAR EXPENDITURE.

During the past week the national revenue amounted to \$2,745,000, compared with \$2,352,000 a year ago. In addition \$15,000,000 was received by the treasury bills and \$100,000 by repayment of advances on bullion.

On the other hand, the expenditure was \$10,233,104, compared with \$4,838,648, of which \$3,550,000 was on supply services against \$4,437,688. In addition to this ordinary expenditure, \$150,000 was advanced for bullion. Balances in exchequer figures at \$15,698,519, an increase of \$7,522,898 on the week.

The responsibility of tolerance lies with those who have the wider vision.—George Eliot.

## LAST THREE DAYS! LAST THREE DAYS

OF THE GREAT BANKRUPT SELLING OUT

\$15.00 Suits and Raincoats. Last day ..... \$4.98	\$3.00 Hats. Last days ..... 65c	\$6.00 Shoes. Last days ..... \$2.48
15c, 25c Brands of Tobacco. Well-known makes ..... 5c	\$1.50 Underwear. Last days ..... 44c	50c Suspenders. Last days ..... 10c

#### Last Three Days

ACT NOW  
SALE ENDS WEDNESDAY

## GREAT BANKRUPT SELLING-OUT SALE BY THE MONTREAL SALVAGE BROKERS

CORNER YATES AND GOVERNMENT STS.

#### Last Three Days

NO REASONABLE OFFERS  
REFUSED

Your Good Health will be best preserved by a daily glass of ENOS' FRUIT SALT, which contains the valuable elements of ripe fruit in pleasant, agreeable form, acts as a tonic to the liver. Keeps the blood cool, clear, healthy.

**ENOS'**  
**FRUIT SALT**

"Is Mr. Bradley in?" asked the visitor. "He is not, sorry," responded the Irish servant. "Shure, he won't be back till eleven." "Where is he gone?" "He's gone to take a ride in his interim." "In his which?" "In his interim, sorry, so he said... "Sorry a wan of me knows phew it means, but it's a fashionable name for a carriage, I'm thinking. Half-an-hour ago he says to Michael, I'm expecting Gafficks here this morning; but it's likely he won't be along for a while yet, so I will just go down in the interim, says he, and with that he drove off in the carriage." — Weekly Telegraph.

## With the Canadians on Salisbury Plain

From The London Times



The Canadian field force now on Salisbury Plain numbers something over 30,000 men.

Naturally the whole force is not camped together, but is scattered over four main camps and several smaller ones—Bastard, Westdown, North and Westdown South; Bulford, Pond Farm, Larkhill, Sling Plantation—the most widely separated of which are not less than six or eight miles apart; and the miles are over roads of almost inconceivable mudness, for which the men console themselves with the reflection that it's at least good preparation for life in wet trenches. And it is astonishing in how much mud it is possible to play football and even lacrosse, when you really have a mind to it. Here and there too, one can find green oases in the wilderness of mud where there is still sound turf enough to give foothold for a sparring ring. So one way and another, the Canadians keep incorrigibly cheerful.

### Boots and Politics

The persistent wet and squalid are hard, however, on boots, and it is an unfortunate fact that boots do not seem to have been the strong point in the equipment of the Canadian troops. One hears bad things said of the Canadian contractors who furnished the boots to the field force, and it is perhaps as well that the troops did not

have to go at once to the front with the footwear in which they came over. Nor is it the only detail, as the innocent visitor gathers, in which "politics"—the universal scapegoat—prevented the gathering and dispatch of the force from being altogether ideal. But whatever shortcomings of equipment or of organization there may have been are all being rapidly remedied, and the fact that it gives time to remedy them makes the officers, at least, acquiesce the more willingly in the period of enforced waiting.

It has to be remembered that very few of the officers of the force are professional soldiers, and most of them cheerfully admit that they are at least as much in need of the training which they are now getting as are the men. No inconsiderable proportion of the infantry also belonged to light horse regiments at home and their knowledge of infantry drill was scanty. On the other hand, the whole force is of an extremely high level of individual intelligence, so that the men learn quickly; and all ranks are conspicuously keen. One day last week the whole division was out for divisional manoeuvres, and the result was eminently creditable. Besides ordinary drill the men get work in trench-digging and bayonet fighting, and some of the brigades have done some vigorous

and enthusiastic night work, which is doing a lot of good in teaching officers and men alike to adopt themselves to strange conditions.

Previous knowledge of soldiering is not in every case an unmixed blessing. As was said in a former article, some of the very best men in the force are men who have already seen service in the British army. Many of them are splendid. Others, however, only make their experience and superior knowledge an excuse for putting on airs and doing as little work as possible. In the first two or three weeks, also, there was more than the normal amount of breaking of rules and drinking; and this, to the credit of Canada it should be said, was chiefly on the part, if not of old soldiers, at least of men born in the British Isles, who had only been in the Dominion for a few years. They found the temptation of being back "home," where British beer was cheap again, too much for them. Drafts of undesirables have been promptly returned to Canada, and the force now is well-behaved, sober, and immensely earnest in its work.

In this connexion too much can be said in praise of the Y. M. C. A. tents or buildings, which are in every camp. What the men would have done without them in the dismal weather, when to walk out of doors is to wade ankle deep in mud, it is not easy to conjecture.

### Housing an Army

A question which the weather and the mud have brought to the fore is that of the relative merits of canvas tents and of huts. One infantry brigade has already moved into huts at Bulford. The men are much more comfortable, and they can now get dry clothes with reasonable regularity. But

the sick list is larger. When the brigade was under canvas there were hardly any coughs or colds. Now there are more than enough. The huts, which accommodate about forty men each, are raised off the ground on brick stumps, and as the floors are none too closely boarded, the wind gets underneath, and whistles tearoomly up through the cracks in a way which the medical authorities are inclined to think has not a little to do with the growth of the sick list. New huts are in places being built board to the ground and the present intention is to build huts for the whole force.

Building huts for 30,000 men is a fairly serious undertaking. Even a brigade makes a town of 5,000 inhabitants; and it is not only the building of the huts that has to be done, but all the piping for water supply, except in places where the ground has already been regularly used for camp purposes, must be put in. At Larkhill, not far from Bulford, where the largest operations are going on, it looks as if a whole Garden City, larger than ordinary, was being built at once.

It is not only the men who suffer from the mud. Standing all day and night picketed in mud almost to the necks is not good for horses' hooves; and where the horses are—especially horses and guns—the mud is inevitably the worst. It is astonishing how much ground batteries can churn up; and, after an impartial acquaintance with most of the country, I am inclined to think that the worst of the mud is to be found about Westdown North, where the artillery is quartered. The best footgear for getting about the lines is rubber boots to the knees. And drilling, marching, and manoeuvring are not altogether joy under existing conditions, and in route-marching it is not easy to make more than three miles an hour with the guns, a ten-mile march—or three and a half hours—being as much as the horses want.

But the worse the weather conditions are the better the training for what may lie ahead. That is the fact with which every man consoles himself. Nobody knows whether the Canadians are going to be wanted "over there" before spring, but everybody knows that wherever they go, the Real Thing is likely to be a good deal harder than anything on Salisbury Plain. And the one thing to do meanwhile is to get hard and fit enough to stand whatever comes for one's own sake, for Canada's, and the Empire's.

## FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

of

## The Royal Bank of Canada

### GENERAL STATEMENT

30TH NOVEMBER, 1914

### LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC:	
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	\$ 13,505,255.49
Deposits not bearing interest	31,224,129.64
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	104,827,078.59 \$136,051,209.23
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	\$ 256,072.53
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries	2,280,629.06 2,536,701.61
Bills Payable	744,389.55
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	1,481,717.92
	\$154,319,272.80
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:	
Capital Stock paid in	11,560,000.00
Reserve Fund	614,062.25 13,174,062.25
Balance of Profits carried forward	\$ 346,800.00
Dividend No. 109 (at 12 per cent per annum), payable Dec. 1st, 1914	3,919.31 350,719.31
Dividends Unclaimed	\$179,404,054.36

### ASSETS

Current Coin	\$ 12,995,483.75
Dominion Notes	12,688,371.25
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserve	578,000.00
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circum-	2,255,205.79
tion Fund	5,752,485.25
Notes of other Banks	4,351.82
Cheques on other Banks	3,114,502.41
Balance due by other Banks in Canada	1,158,568.75
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	2,185,062.60
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	13,557,741.12
Canadian Municipal Securities and British and Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	8,524,058.06
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	6,080,847.19
Call Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	71,244,677.99
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada	
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	\$ 84,585,972.95
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	15,002,488.08
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)	568,198.87
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	100,156,659.90
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written-off	600,000.00
Liaibilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra	5,861,180.37
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	1,481,717.92
	59,818.18
	\$179,404,054.36

H. S. HOLT,  
President

EDSON L. PEASE,  
General Manager.

### AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA: That we have gone over all the information and explanation required by us concerning the opinion that the actions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

That we have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office at 30th November, 1914, as well as at another time, as required by Section 36 of the Bank Act, and that we found them agreed with the entries in the books in regard thereto. We also during the year checked the cash and verified the securities at the principal branches, and with the certified returns from the Branches, and in our opinion is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank.

JAMES MARWICK, C.A.  
S. ROGER MITCHELL, C.A.

Members of the Firm of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co.

Montreal, Canada, December 18th, 1914.

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 29th November, 1913 \$ 1,015,119.58

Profits for the year, after deducting charges of Management and all other expenses, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills.....

1,886,142.67 \$2,901,262.25

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:

Dividends Nos. 106, 107, 108 and 109, at 12 per cent per annum.....

\$ 1,387,200.00

100,000.00

250,000.00

50,000.00

500,000.00

614,062.25

\$2,901,262.25

H. S. HOLT,

President

EDSON L. PEASE,

General Manager.

Montreal, 18th December, 1914.

## LIQUIDATOR'S SALE

### Shoes! Shoes!

# SHOES

In closing this great sale on Thursday, 31st inst., we wish to thank our friends for the very liberal patronage extended to us.

We have only four business days left in which to sell the balance of this stock, as we positively close our doors here for good on 31st inst.

We have already reduced our prices until they do not average to represent more than the value of the leather in the Shoes, but

### These Last Four Days We Will Give Every Buyer a Discount on These Already Ruinous Prices

Every pair of Shoes in the store is labeled with the lowest prices of the sale marked plainly on them, and it is from these prices that the discount will be given.

BUY AND SAVE MONEY. MAKE OUR LOSS YOUR GAIN

### The C. E. McKeen Shoe Stores Co., Limited

IN LIQUIDATION

747 YATES ST.

Between Drysdale's and Gordon's



council and the various relief organizations of Victoria. This is the establishment of a central bureau of information, sometimes called a "Confidential Exchange" to emphasize the fact that whatever information is placed there concerning assistance given to any individual or family is held solely for those who have a bona fide interest in the case recorded. The plan is briefly this: Each society engaged in relief work gives the bureau a list of the cases in which they are interested, giving only such items of information as are necessary for identification: name in full, address, nationality, family, and, where possible, occupation; the last item being useful in securing work for them. These names are listed alphabetically on a card index. Where two or more societies prove to be assisting the same family some mutual arrangement is arrived at as to who shall take the charge of the bureau being to have only one society caring for one family, and in this way to avoid overlapping. Churches and individuals are earnestly asked to co-operate in this plan by phoning to the bureau before giving relief, so that they may be informed of any other society or individual that is already assisting.

The laudable effort of the city council to meet and overcome this obvious difficulty in the administration of relief and at the same time to counteract the tendency in giving relief to create a frame of mind that quickly degenerates into pauperism, should command the hearty and painstaking co-operation of all our citizens. It is quite apparent that in the last mentioned instance the role filled by the worm is the result of the machinations of someone "higher up," and it would not be at all fair to accuse the worm of the ability to design the deception practised upon the fish.

A NEWALL,

### THE BEAVER CLUB.

To the Editor:—May I be permitted to express a doubt as to the correctness of the information made in your editorial columns of the 24th inst. that the Beaver Club in any way commands the attention of the Dominion government's department of public works.

Allow me to assure you, Sir, and the province that if one of its most virulent and able detractors were to present at a full and solemn conclave of this club, and, being possessed

of the requisite patience (using that word in its strict dictionary sense of "quality of being patient under pain or affliction; calm endurance; command of temper; forbearance"), has managed to sit it out, you would afterwards find him in another enthusiastic defender. Were he to break the seal of silence, which this bashful society would no doubt have placed upon him, he could demonstrate to you, Sir, and the province at large, beyond all quibble, that neither in the club as a whole, nor in its executive, nor in its officers, nor in any possible combination of all or any of these, was there brain enough to plan or ability enough to carry out any of the machinations you refer to. He could assure you with the confidence born only of absolute conviction that it would be, many moons a new edition of "How Canada is Governed" would in any way be called for on account of the doings of this harmless

work of muddle-headed would-be politicians. He might bethink him to point out to you that although the worm in your garden occasionally makes his presence known by an unsightly little mound of dirt, yet you need not on that account fear for the stability of your trees. He might continue along comparing the club to the worm, not entirely to the disadvantage of the worm, winding up no doubt with some comment upon one of the commonest uses to which worms are put, the baiting of the hook wherewith certain smaller types of fish are caught.

It is quite apparent that in the last mentioned instance the role filled by the worm is the result of the machinations of someone "higher up," and it would not be at all fair to accuse the worm of the ability to design the deception practised upon the fish.

There is, I admit, a pathetic side to the shield. The awakening of the poor man who swallows the bait so alluringly dangled in and times, such as

you say "the city's expenditure is roughly \$2,000,000 per annum." As a matter of fact, the estimate for the city's expenditure last year was \$2,501,479. Further you say that "over almost one-half of this sum the city has no control," because it represented fixed charges. As a matter of fact, the fixed charge reached \$796,112, including the amount set aside for sinking fund on schools, etc. Therefore instead of one-half of the total estimated expenditures being open to the pruning knife, there is actually two-thirds, or say \$1,709,000, which can be operated on.

Now the Civic Retrenchment association is urging a reduction of at least 25 per cent from the amount of taxation on property. This amount last year was \$1,885,398. Twenty-five per cent of this would be \$471

# SPORTING NEWS

## VANCOUVER PLAYS HERE TO-MORROW CHAMPIONS BADLY BEATEN SATURDAY

Visiting Clubs Win in N. H. A.;  
Ronan Traded to Ontarios;  
Tickets in Demand for  
Tuesday's Fixture

With their backs up against a record of three straight defeats, Victoria's hockey champions will enter to-morrow night's game against Vancouver, determined to win. The team returned yesterday from Portland, and according to the Senators, the Rosebuds did not have things all their own way, as the score of 8 to 1 would suggest. "We should have scored at least four goals," is the way one of the players put it, "and even then Portland was getting all the breaks, scoring on several long shots." The sole sale for tomorrow night's match has been extremely good and the local fans have confidence in the champions' ability to do a complete come-back. The Terriers have not yet tasted defeat and Capt. Si Griffis says that his club will not be headed this season.

Saturday night's game at Portland drew about three thousand fans, the Portland folks being greatly tickled at the manner in which the champions were trampled upon by the Rosebuds. Portland's speed in the first session gave them a three-goal lead to work on, and while Victoria played superior hockey in the second stanza, the Yanks came back with three goals in a row in the final period, clinching the game. Bernie Morris did not make the trip, Walter Small being used at right wing. The Victoria club showed a lot of "pepper" in the second period, but their shooting was again poor. The champions will start out against Vancouver with the same team that played Portland.

**N. H. A. Results.**  
At Montreal-Toronto 4, Canadiens 3.  
At Quebec-Ottawa 4, Quebec 1.  
At Toronto-Wanderers 11, Ontario 6.

## BAYLEY WINNER IN FIGHT AT MERRITT

Stirling Wires Condon That  
Local Lightweight Won Over  
Moore in Eighteenth Round

MERRITT, B. C., Dec. 28.—Bayley ~~shattered~~ championship class by out-boxing and fighting Moore from the gong till the eighteenth round, when the contest was stopped on account of Sunday. Johnnie Moore being practically knocked out and hanging on to Bayley, the referee gave the latter the decision, which was well received.

There appears to be some doubt as to the outcome of the Bayley-Moore fight at Merritt on Saturday night. The A. P. despatch states that the fight stopped in the seventeenth round because it was Sunday. This story also goes on to say that both men were very tired, with Bayley having been warned several times for fouling. Morris Condon received a wire from Andy Stirling, manager of Rough House Burns, this morning, to the effect that Bayley had been given the decision in the eighteenth round, Moore having been badly punished. A despatch from Vancouver states that Moore and Rough House Burns fought a twenty round bout there a few months ago, the fight being stopped in the eighteenth by the authorities, no decision being given.

—Everett, Dec. 28.—Johnny O'Leary is

INDIANS RECRUIT.

Spokane, Dec. 28.—Pitcher Sutherland, who played last season with the Baker City team of the Western Tri-State League, has been signed to play with the Spokane Northwestern League team next season, according to an announcement by President F. C. Farr of the Spokane club.

### FIELD HOCKEY.

A scratch team captained by E. D. Freeman defeated the Victoria Ladies field hockey club at Oak Bay, on Saturday, by a score of 7 to 3; Miss Briggs and Miss Hall, scored for the losing team, while Paithe scored three for the winners.

### CARNE A WINNER.

Fred Carne's quintette outscored the 1913 campers at the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday night at the association gymnasium, the final score being 20 to 16.

## REMARKED ON THE SIDE

### Champions Must Stop Vancouver To-morrow Night.

Though Frank Patrick is extremely confident that his Vancouver septete can win over the Victoria club at the Willows to-morrow night, Victoria fans have not lost all their faith in the ability of the Senators to do a come-back at the expense of the Terriers. The latter have three straight wins to their credit and lead the league. The addition of McKay and Cook has added a lot of "pepper" to the mainland septete and they have all the confidence in the world that they can haul down the P. C. H. A. honors this year. Victoria got off to a bad start and the team has not been pulling together as they should, but they are due for a win-to-morrow night. The locals dropped their first game on home ice but have no reason to be discouraged over this, for in the P. C. H. A. teams, home ice is not such a big factor as in the east. It's a case of dropping the cellar for good if the Senators do not emerge victorious, and it will not be because the players do not try when they stack up against the Millionaires.

### Bob Brown Will Carry But Thirteen Players.

While quite a few of the Northwestern league clubs have come out with the statement that they will carry but fourteen players next year, Bob Brown is showing his disregard for all hoodoo by going on record as boasting a thirteen-man limit next season. Brown states that he won a pennant for Aberdeen in 1907 with but thirteen players, and he will work one of his slab artists in the outfield regularly. The Vancouver manager is particularly well equipped with hurlers who can also work in the outer garden and this will allow him to carry five slab artists, one of whom will always be working in the outfield. With five twirlers and two catchers there will be positions for only six regulars on the Beaver roster if President Brown adheres to his intention of keeping the squad to thirteen. Four regular infielders will be carried with two regular outfielders and one of the twirlers will have to fill in with Wotell and Brinker in the outer pasture.

### Chicken Salad.

Ottawa hockey club contracts contain a clause subjecting its players who "pole off" Muffs in the crowd to heavy fines.

As a safeguard, Livingstone, the new owner of the Ontarios, has protested the first ten games his team plays this winter. He figures that should give him a one two team at least.

## RONAN MADE TEMPTING OFFER



SKENE RONAN

Ottawa hockey star, whose ownership has been settled by arbitration by the Coast League and N. H. A. He remains with the Ottawa club.

It is hard to see why Skene Ronan did not want to come to the coast circuit. The eastern star was offered a \$1,000 contract and his transportation both ways, equalizing a fourteen hundred dollar contract.

This is much better figure than he will get in the east and it is reasonable to suppose that there must have been influence used in the east to have Ronan talk on such terms. The N. H. A. teams are not paying any fancy salaries this year, in fact they have all sliced their contracts.

Newsy LaLonde and Didier Pitre have been forced to accept hefty cuts and they have no other course to follow since the new league potted out.

Portland was anxious to secure Ronan for centre ice, giving them an extra man so that they could hold Throop as utility player.

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The story also goes on to say that both men were very tired, with Bayley having been warned several times for fouling. Morris Condon received a wire from Andy Stirling, manager of Rough House Burns, this morning, to the effect that Bayley had been given the decision in the eighteenth round, Moore having been badly punished. A despatch from Vancouver states that Moore and Rough House Burns fought a twenty round bout there a few months ago, the fight being stopped in the eighteenth by the authorities, no decision being given.

—Everett, Dec. 28.—Johnny O'Leary is

WORLD'S RECORD.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 28.—What is said to be a new world's bowling record was made by Darrel Hamlet of Sioux City Saturday, when he rolled the last ball in a twenty-four hour endurance contest. Hamlet rolled 144 game and knocked down 20,650 pins, an average of 175 8-10 pins. The best previous twenty-four hour record, seventy games, was held by a Los Angeles bowler.

TIGERS CHANGE HANDS.

Seattle, Dec. 28.—Reorganization of the Tacoma baseball club will be effected to-day by the election of temporary officers. President McGinnity and Secretary Redpath will turn their holdings to the new company, who will begin stock selling immediately. All of the club's bills to date have paid.

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## RUGBY TEAMS IN SCORELESS BATTLE

Willows and Rep. Teams Put Up Strenuous Contest at Oak Bay Before Large Crowd

In one of the greatest rugby clashes ever staged in the capital, the Willows fifteen held the Rep. team to a scoreless draw before a splendid crowd at Oak Bay on Saturday afternoon. Both clubs rushed over, for touch backs, the play seesawing with rapidity that kept the spectators on their toes for the entire game. It was a veritable clash of giants, the heavy field marring the play of the three-quarter lines, though flashes of brilliant passing runs were witnessed.

Victoria lined up with exactly the same club that held Vancouver to a draw at the Terminal City and while they had a big edge on the soldiers when it came to speed and ball handling, the heavier pack and greater experience of the soldiers offset the former qualities, the teams being very evenly matched. Capt. Spencer protested strongly against the ruling of Referee Hill, on several occasions, particularly in the second half, when the Willows forced the City team on the defensive for a time. Grant went over for a try, only to be called back, while on another occasion Hinecross kicked to a pair of Willows three-quarters, who had a clear field to the City goal. The whistle sounded for offside, breaking up this play.

It is doubtful if any match has ever been played in the capital with the same feeling that the teams exhibited on Saturday. There was plenty of good heavy tackling, while on one or two occasions the straight arm was used to ward off tackles, the player carrying the ball having little regard where the fist landed. Referee Hill had a difficult task and that he did as well as in Saturday's game was only due to his alertness in keeping right up with the play.

There was a lack of speed in the Willows' back line, the slowness in getting the ball into the open being fatal to the soldier's chances for large gains. Their dribbling and rushing was of high standard, while Spencer's kicking to touch was a treat. The slippery ball proved too elusive for the Willows' halves, the latter repeatedly fumbling the leather when an opportunity for a gain presented itself. The city team invariably secured the ball in the scrums, while in the lineouts the "Reds" also shone. This weakness on the part of the soldiers was due solely to their lack of practise, their physical condition being every bit as good as that of the city fifteen.

The "Rep" team never showed up to better advantage in following up their kicks and intercepting side passes. Knox was in grand shape at full back and repeatedly saved the Victoria fifteen, in critical spots, his kicking being exceptionally good. Joe Shires and Chaff played splendid rugby also, Newcombe starring in the scrum.

The teams were:

Victoria: Fullback, A. Knox (Welsh); three-quarters, F. Nason, C. Vincent, Alf. Adams (Bays), and C. Kilpatrick (University); five-eighth, A. C. Chalk; halves, W. Newcombe (Capt.), and Joe Shires (Bays); forwards, Arthur Adams, A. Griffiths, D. Gray, S. Rees (Welsh), C. Sedger, H. Ross, J. B. MacLachlan (vice-captain) (Bays).

Willows: Full-back, Trooper Spencer, (Capt.); three-quarters, Cul Merdith, Cpl. Gaillier, Captain Townsend and Tpr. Hines; five-eighths, Serg. Grant, Lieut.-Morton; half-back, Pte. McNaught; forwards, Cpl. Heinekey, Lieut. Cartairs, Lieut. Ackland, Tpr. Scott, Sgt. Baum, Pte. Gillespie and Pte. Patterson.

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baseball, will wear a Giant uniform next year, according to a report that gained wide circulation in baseball circles here. Manager McGraw, of the Giants, would neither confirm nor deny the report.

John Barnes has not yet notified President Blewett of his choice of a home for the sixth Northwestern league club. He will attend a meeting at Beloit to-night. It is expected, however, that he will place the team in Everett, playing half his games at Douglass park.

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## Rankers Who Became Generals-- Romances of the British Army

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at the Willows. —By J. J. M.

I confidently hope I will not be accused of indulging in that traditional characteristic of my beloved country, known as "The Blarney," when I say that the soldierly appearance, the general equipment and the all-round efficiency displayed by our gallant soldiers a few days ago, on their first parade through the streets of this city, could scarcely fail to draw forth the admiration and excite the pride not only of all true-born Canadians but also of all true-born Britons who, like myself, have no claim on the country save that simple courtesy which any ordinary "bird of passage" may, as a rule, expect.

I also hope I will not be accredited with "showing off plotties" or of "putting on airs" when I say that I am at present on my third voyage around the globe, that very many of the places, in Europe, Asia and Africa, wherein the dread life-and-death struggles of humanity, charity and righteousness versus savagery, barbarism and autocracy are now being enacted, are as well known to me as are the streets of this city, and that I have seen and met fair samples, at least, of the "brave defenders" of all or almost all countries in the world, nevertheless, I can say in all sincerity that the sample (they are only a sample) of men and equipment which this province has now on hand for active service can bear very favorable comparison with any similar sample or samples which, under similar conditions, could be raised at the present time in any part of the world.

On Crossed Bayonets.

Martial Junot was a notable figure in the Napoleonic wars. If records can be relied on, his fellow-soldiers elected him sergeant on battlefield, afterwards carrying him aloft on an impromptu seat of crossed bayonets for a conspicuous act of bravery. A little later he was ordered by Napoleon to divest himself of his uniform and go amongst the enemy as a spy. Though threatened with death for disobedience, Junot refused to go at all unless as a soldier in his uniform. Napoleon was highly pleased at the firmness thus displayed and did not forget it. A short time afterwards he sent for Junot and while this was being done a shell exploded a few yards away. This had not the least effect on the writer; who coolly continued his work, remarking:

"At least we shall not want sand to dry the ink." Napoleon became quite captivated by the coolness and courage shown by Junot, and at the first opportunity nominated him as his aide-de-camp. Still higher honors were in store for him, and he finally became a marshal of the Grand army of France.

Napoleon's Generals.

It is probable that Napoleon found more generals in the ranks than any other of the world's famous military leaders. General Bernadotte, who started his soldiering career as a private in one of the regiments raised by the British East India company, was another of his discoveries. Moreover, he subsequently made Bernadotte king of Sweden, over which one of his descendants still reigns.

Then there was General Murat. Tiring of life as a shop-boy in the establishment of a Paris haberdasher, he joined the army as private, to become one of its field-marshals and ultimately king of Naples.

Another Napoionic general who rose from the ranks was Marshal Ney, for whom the Devastator had quite a warm affection. He was the only son of a poor cooper, and has, his masterly retreat from Borodino, been described by competent critics as one of the finest military achievements recorded in history.

General Lannes was yet another Napoionic general who started on the lowest rung of the ladder. So was General Massena, who was made a field-marshall and a duke; and so was General Augereau, who rose from the humble position of a private soldier to the exalted rank of field-marshall.

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Perhaps the most brilliant example of a British officer who rose from the ranks was General Sir Hector Macdonald, the man who saved the day at Omdurman, and who succeeded to the command of the Highland Brigade when the lion-hearted General Wauchope was shot down at the battle of Magersfontein.

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When the British, with Lord Roberts in command, were marching to Kabul to avenge the murder of Cavagnari, Macdonald was stationed in a hill fort. There a rumor reached him that a native force of Afghans intended to waylay the British commander and his staff. This force the future general, then a young non-commissioned officer, successfully located and with coolness, judgment and gallantry, attacked and dispersed. He thus gained his first step on the ladder of promotion, and never afterwards looked back. So rapidly did he advance that at the age of 47 he was a general. But for his untimely end he might, and in all probability, would have attained to a still more exalted rank.

Another officer who rose from the ranks was Lieutenant-Colonel Haigton, who commanded the 17th Hussars. He was for five years a private in the Life Guards, afterwards being promoted to the rank of Corporal. Subsequently he received a commission in the regiment he was destined to command, and, like Macdonald, took part in a campaign in South Africa, acting as aide-de-camp to Sir George Colley, who was his brother-in-law.

No one will be more pleased to hear that Sir William Robertson is mentioned by General French in his dispatches than King George, who has the greatest admiration for him. Sir William, who rose from the ranks, has been director of military training at the War Office since last year, and is one of the soundest soldiers living. For three years he was also in command of the Staff College, where all our "cracks"

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MARRIED

SHADE JACKSON—At the residence of the bride's parents, 1252 Esquimalt avenue, the Rev. A. Walker, Head of H. Shade to Kate Maud, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson. DIED

PERIER—On the 27th inst., at her residence 1555 Davis street, Oak Bay, the death occurred of Phyllis McPherson. Perier, aged 72 years. She was a native of Scotland. Mrs. Perier was loved and esteemed by all who knew her. She leaves two sons and three daughters and several grandchildren to mourn her loss.

The funeral will take place from the above address on Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 2 p. m., and 15 minutes later at St. Mary's church, Burns street, Oak Bay. Interment in Ross Bay cemetery.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

## FURTHER READING OF

## LAKE ROAD BY-LAW

Saanich Council Will Not Accept Debenture Offer at Present

next July, and then Saanich will have to construct its sewers to join the intake, paying a portion of the cost of the construction of the trunk sewer through Victoria and Esquimalt.

The question of the bottle license fee being charged to Victoria grocers, who, holding a license in the city, also sell liquor in the Saanich district in conjunction with their grocery deliveries, has not yet been settled. The council still holds the view, in spite of the meeting of the intermunicipal committee on this subject, that in protection of all our traders there should be a fee charged.

## LOCAL NEWS

Esquimalt Voters.—A meeting of the Esquimalt Voters League will be held at the Soldiers and Sailors' home at 8 p. m. to-morrow. As the elections are now approaching a full attendance of members is desired. Any voters desiring to join the league will be welcomed at the meeting.

Esquimalt Council.—The members of the Esquimalt council will sit for the last time as at present constituted as a committee of works this evening.

Chairman, is retiring from the representation of his ward at the close of the year and will be a candidate for the office of reeve. He is the only candidate spoken of so far and the chances are that he will be elected by acclamation. The meeting of the council next Monday will be the last gathering of the present body.

Some of the representatives of the fiscal houses remark that the council should close now because municipal issues are more readily placed in January than later on in the year, but probably the opportunity for a committee on the issue has something to do with their optimism. The reeve himself will not state what course will be taken but agrees that the most urgent need of the municipality is money to prosecute the works already passed by the ratepayers, which are the only solution of the pressing problem of unemployment.

Present appearances seem to add to the fear that another summer will have to pass before the district to be drained into the northwest sewer can be connected up. With several hundred thousand dollars' worth of debentures authorized and unsold, the council will think twice before undertaking the necessary lateral services which will have to be installed, though the necessity of sewers in the district affected cannot be questioned by anyone.

The city should have the connections made as far as the city boundary by

present.

Victoria Concert Orchestra.—The

series of Sunday evenings popular

concerts given in the Princess theatre

by the Victoria concert orchestra, drew

a large and enthusiastic audience last

evening. The members of the orchestra were in a particularly happy

mood and played with spirit the various numbers which fell to their share.

Willie Balagno was recalled several

times after his programme appear-

ances in violin numbers. Walter

Charles gave two piano solos in place

of Mrs. Benedict Bantly, who was un-

able to appear. Mr. Charles' playing

was as brilliant as usual, and he was

heartily applauded. Next Sunday a

special programme will be given in aid of the New Year's hamper fund.

Tabernacle Baptist Services.—Spe-

cial Christmas music was rendered at the Tabernacle Baptist church at the services yesterday, and large congregations attended. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Cameron, took up the growth of the Messianic idea in the Old Testament, and in particular unfolded the promise given to Moses. He showed that Christ was like unto Moses from his very birth, the life of both of them having been sought by their enemies. When Moses was driven away from his own people he went out into a Gentile nation, married a wife and tended the flocks of a Gentile chieftain. When Christ was put to death and rejected in his apostles He, too, went out after those other sheep who did not belong to the Jewish fold and was now gathering out from the world his bride, the church. Finally Moses returned and brought back the Jews through the shedding of the blood of a lamb. Even so, Jesus Christ, a prophet like unto Moses, would return and redeem the Jewish nation and would make a covenant, not like the one made on Mount Sinai, when the law was given written on stone, but would write his law in their hearts and put it in their minds and they would walk in his testimonies.

## ELECTROLYSIS.

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## DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partner-

ship heretofore existing between Ed-

ward Patterson and Oswald Henry Dorman, trading at 1051 Yates street, Victoria,

and G. G. Furnishers, is dissolved by

mutual consent on the 19th day of De-

cember, 1914. Oswald H. Dorman will

receive all money due the firm and pay

over legal debts of the same up to the

above date.

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## TENDERS.

Tenders for the supply of 100 cords,

stacked and one-half cord wood,

delivered on various school grounds as

directed, will be received up to 12 o'clock

on Wednesday afternoon next by the

Secretary of the Victoria School Board,

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## ORGY OF MASSACRE PROVED AT DINANT

Belgian Commission Finds Irrefutable Proof of Cruelties of German Troops

malls with the passing of the great annual festival.

About thirteen additional men were added to the post office staff here about a week before Christmas in order to cope with the Christmas mails and it was stated this morning that although gift-giving is supposed to have been much less general in practice this season, there has been only about ten per cent less through the mails this Christmas than last year. The month's business has not, of course, been totalled up to the present, but this is an approximate indication.

Five wagons were put on the parcel-post delivery route the day before Christmas, and practically every scrap of parcel or letter post from the old land or other points was safely delivered into the hands of the intended recipients on or before Christmas morning.

An orgy of massacre, incendiarism without limit, abominable treatment of non-combatants, pillage and plunder continue to be the subject of irrefutable testimony gathered by the members of the Belgian commission of inquiry which has been making a careful investigation of the facts on the ground. A lately-issued report received by the consul for Belgium here, W. S. Terry, says:

In Tamines German soldiers went into houses, turned out the inhabitants and sacked and burned the buildings. Between 400 and 450 peasants remaining in the village were shot, without pretence of trial, in front of the church, first by rifles, and then by machine gun, the wounded not being spared when seen alive. Some, however, crawled away in the dark, while about 160 others sought themselves into the adjoining river.

Next day the peasants were compelled, before being themselves shot, to dig a trench for the bodies, fathers

burying their sons and sons their fathers. One man was buried alive.

Many women and children were burned or stifled in the burning houses

# Financial News

## PORTLAND OFFERINGS APPRECIABLY SMALLER

## OPTIMISM IN STREET STOCKS DID BETTER

Issue Had Snap To-day; McGillivray and Standard Lead Both Strong

Bullishness Prevailed in American Beet Sugar and Steel Recovered

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 28.—The market strengthened perceptibly from the first day's trading, and activity was more pronounced.

In Coronation, not much change was noted, the annual meeting for discussion of the affairs of the company having been adjourned until after making commitments until after this. An excellent situation prevailed at McGillivray as for some long time past and the level is standard.

Standard Lead had healthy action.

Bid Asked

	Bid	Asked
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B. C. Refining Co.	39	50
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C. P. R. Lines	1.00	1.25
Coronation Gold	.03	.05
Lucky Jim Zinc	.02	.03
McGillivray Coal	.18	.25
Nugget Gold	.02	.02
Portland Canal	.012	.012
Portland Canoe	.00	.00
Red Cliff	.29	.29
Standard Lead	1.00	1.30
Stewart M. & Co.	.75	.75
Sewan Steel & Creamery	.00	.00
Stewart Land	7.50	7.50
Unlisted	—	—
Gladstone Creek	.02	.05
Island Investment	.22	.25
Union Canal	.00	.00
Portland Canoe	.00	.00
North Shore Iron	.00	.00
Stock Waterworks	.00	.00
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LACK OF WHEAT DEMAND SENDS PRICE TUMBLING

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—A lack of demand caused a sharp break in grain prices today, following a strong opening. In the south, wheat was considerable unloading and few were inclined to take up any values dropped. Winnipeg following in sympathy, while buyers were sellers today. The cash demand was practically at a standstill with few offerings and few buyers. The export inquiry continues good.

The total inspections on Saturday were 42,000 bushels, 64,000 for year, and in all cases on Monday were 250 cars. The weather has been fair and moderately cool, forecast generally fair and cold to-day and on Tuesday. Winnipeg wheat futures closed 4¢ to 6¢ lower, while corn, oats, durum, grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 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## CHILDREN'S SERVICE

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byterian Church.

The special Christmas services were held at the First Presbyterian church yesterday, those in the morning being specially designed for children, who were present in such large numbers that they almost entirely filled the main body of the auditorium. The pulpit and choir-stalls were beautifully decorated with Christmas texts, the lettering of which was most artistic. H. Charlesworth had charge of the choir, which performed the well-known cantata, "Story of Bethlehem," the various solo parts being taken as follows: Soprano part, Miss H. Harkness; contralto, Mrs. Hudson, and baritone, Robert Morrison.

The subject of Rev. J. G. Inkster's sermon was "Glory to God in the Highest and Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." If there were any people on earth more than others who should glorify God it was the little children, said the speaker. For Christ had come to uplift children and women more than all else. He had taught the men, accustomed to ignore the right of the little ones to seek after the Truth, to give them liberty to worship God. "Suffer the little children to come unto Me" was one of the last messages he had left. Even to-day, however, it was curious to note how the old barbarism had survived. People, somehow, thought it infra dig to attend a children's service and some had even stayed away from that service because it was for those little ones whom Christ had lifted up of old when the older people would have thrust them aside. In the latter part of his sermon Mr. Inkster dealt more particularly with the phrase: "Peace on Earth," quoting Longfellow's poem written at the time of the Civil War in America and praying that this was but the storm before the calm.

In the evening the cantata, "The Manger Throne," formed the principal part of the services, the soprano part being taken by Miss Morton, the contralto by Mrs. Hudson, the tenor part by Robert Morrison, and the baritone by Mr. Hudson. A very beautiful duet which came in the course of the performance was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, and the choir sang with commendable spirit in the various choruses. "The Star of Bethlehem" was sung in addition to the cantata, Robert Morrison being the soloist.

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## WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department

Victoria, Dec. 28—5 a. m.—Since yesterday an ocean low barometer area has crossed this province to Alberta. It has passed along the coast and snow in Kootenay. Moderate winds are general along the coast. Zero temperatures are reported in most portions of the prairie provinces.

Forecasts.  
For 26 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday, Victoria and vicinity—light to moderate winds, generally fair, not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland—light to moderate winds, generally fair, not much change in temperature.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.91; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 39; wind, 12 miles W.; rain, .30; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 35; wind, calm; snow, .12; weather, snow.

Port Alberni—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, maximum yesterday, 24; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Tatsoi—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 20 miles N. W.; rain, .50; weather, clear.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 49; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .96; weather, clear.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.93; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .30; weather, rain.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 56; minimum, 44; wind, 6 miles S. E.; weather, fair.

Temperature.

Penticton ..... Max. Min.

Nelson ..... 22

Prince Rupert ..... 23

Calgary ..... 42

Edmonton ..... 32

Prince Albert ..... 14

Winnipeg ..... -2

Toronto ..... 36

Ottawa ..... 39

Montreal ..... 19

Halifax ..... 18

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Saturday:

Temperature.

Highest ..... 40

Lowest ..... 40

Average ..... 40

Minimum on grass ..... 30

Rain, 21 inch.

General state of weather, rain.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Sunday:

Temperature.

Highest ..... 43

Lowest ..... 41

Average ..... 42

Lowest on grass ..... 34

Rain, 19 inch.

General state of weather, rain.

KETTLE VALLEY EXTENSIONS.

Parliament to Be Asked for Further  
Time for the Construction of a  
Number of Branches.

The Kettle Valley Railway company is applying to the federal parliament at the coming session for an act extending the time within which it may construct several lines of railway already authorized, and also ratifying an agreement made between the company and the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation company for an intersection at a point between Princeton and Otter Summit.

The lines for which further time is asked are from Summer Creek to

Copper Mountain and Voigt mining

camps, from Vernon to Penticton by

way of Kelowna, from Penticton to

Osoyoos Lake, from Summer Creek to

Allison or Princeton and thence to the

Granite Creek coal areas, from Grand Forks to a point fifty miles up the

north fork of the Kettle river, from

Midway to Hedley, from Penticton to

Nicola, from the terminus of the Sum-

mer Creek-Allison line authorized by

the act of 1911, to Otter Summit, and

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## QUIET WEEK ASSURED FOR CIVIC FATHERS

Little New Business Likely for Balance of Municipal Year

Witnesses are the past and present water commissioners, the resident engineer of the undertaking and several members of past and present councils. No estimate of the length of the hearing has yet been informed, but it will take some time to put in the necessary documents and papers.

## MOSLEM HOLY PLACES

Allies Will Hold Them Sacred From Attack So Long as Indian Pilgrims Are Not molested.

This week the city council will scarcely settle down to serious work. The pleasant recollection of the recent holiday and the anticipation of one to come at the close of this week will have their effect.

The complete absence of any interest in the municipal election so far is remarkable as there has been no like case in recent years. As there is no important question of public interest before the citizens (save that of the Johnson street bridge), no by-law which could in any way stimulate the public curiosity will be presented next month. The only one contemplated, that for the Johnson street bridge, will not be placed before the electors till a more fitting season, so that there will be an absolute lack of interest in the council proceedings for some time and unless there has been some discussion on unemployment expected the council meetings have been practically deserted by the public.

To-morrow there will be a meeting to consider the civic estimates. It is not expected that the work can be completed at a single session. There will be many details to consider and figures to reduce. As there seems no prospect of change in the personnel of the council next year, what is decided now is practically certain to be the policy in 1915, and since retrenchment is in the air, all the aldermen are willing to promise to support whatever cuts may be necessary.

Beyond the passage of the new market by-law, and the transaction of a certain amount of routine business, there is little new matter for the remaining few meetings of the present board. Hope is expressed that the taxes will come in to the amount anticipated and that other revenue will enable the council to close the year with the revenue and expenditure balanced, as according to the comptroller's statement when the expenditures were pruned in November.

Next week practically all the principal officials of the city will be engaged in the waterworks suit, so that will be the only matter considered. The consulting engineer for the waterworks will arrive from the south for the trial. Among other important

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